

**Land Stewardship Committee Meeting  
April 16, 2019  
Town Hall - 7:00 PM**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Tom Brownrigg, Dwight DeMay, Warren Lyman, Andrew Wilmot (until 8:10 PM), Sylvia Willard (Conservation Administrator)

**Not Present:** Debby Geltner

**Guests:** Rhonda Michaud (soon to be a LSC member), Kelly Guarino (Carlisle Conservation Foundation)

The meeting was opened at 7:03 PM

**Minutes:** The minutes of the March 12, 2019 meeting were approved with amendments.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Cranberry Bog Working Group (CBWG)**

The CBWG had an unofficial meeting April 1, 2019, but has not had an official meeting, due to quorum problems, since December. The next official meeting is scheduled for May 13. With one resignation expected soon, and two new additions, the CBWG will have 6 members, all but one of them being Conservation Commissioners. Lyman reported that at the next (or near future) meeting, presentations will be given on the two alternatives ConsCom is expected to choose from: (1) a continuation of agriculture (growing hay) (presentation by M. Duffy); and (2) restoration to a natural environment (presentation by K. Belitz). The future of the Bog House will be considered separately. Carlisle's Agricultural Commission may also present their own agricultural alternative. If agendas for future CBWG meetings are released in advance, Lyman said he would alert LSC to any important meetings they might want to attend.

**2. Greenough Dam Repairs**

A motion was made, and unanimously approved, saying that the LSC will support the request – at the upcoming Annual town Meeting – to have Community Preservation Act funds approved for the restoration of the Greenough Pond Dam. In addition, a formal letter of LSC support, addressed to the State's Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA), was signed by co-chair Wilmot. This letter supports the State's possible funding of the dam repair via the recently passed Environmental Bond Bill.

Willard reported that, at the request of the Community Preservation Committee, the dam repair project had been put out to bid. A site visit was recently held for contractors, and bids were due April 16, 2019. Four bids were received ranging from about \$350 K to \$699 K, not including site management. The CPC will decide what number to include in the Town Meeting warrant article.

Willard said the official letter to the State's EOEEA will be sent in soon. It is unclear what the probability is of getting the State to fund the repair project.

### **3. Woodward Land**

With the aid of three property maps (attached), Kelly Guarino of the Carlisle Conservation Foundation (CCF) outlined issues and future possibilities for the location of fences and trails on the newly acquired Woodward Conservation Land which is adjacent to the proposed open space development. Fields on the purchased land are in active agriculture (animal grazing) and this use is expected to continue. Trail access will have limited parking, some of it within the open space development. Existing fencing will be modified and moved off the adjacent private lands. Site-line clearing along Maple Street may also be required as the road curves there are dangerous. While some LSC individuals may be involved in the work described, it was suggested that the Trails Committee, with input from ConsCom and CCF, might be best to lead the work, at least the layout of trails. Guarino said she would push the project forward.

### **4. Site Visit to Russell Conservation Land**

No action taken at this meeting.

### **5. LSC Conservation Projects**

There was a brief discussion of possible future LSC projects based on the LSC "Initiatives" listed in the Town's 2013 Open Space and Recreation Plan. Lyman mentioned that he had prepared an inventory of signs, and related sign hardware that would be needed when the LSC undertook a project to install new signs on Town-owned conservation land. Willard mentioned that any new signs purchased with CPC funds must have an acknowledgment of such funding on the sign.

The possibility of future joint conservation meetings with other conservation groups was also briefly discussed. Willard has talked to a CCF representative about possibly leading the effort.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Foss Farm Kiosk**

Brownrigg reported that the transparent plastic in the Foss Farm kiosk was broken or gone. He will try to get a cost estimate for a new piece of plastic which has some UV stability (e.g., greenhouse type). It was suggested that we could also reorient the south-facing kiosk (about 90 or 180 degrees) to lessen the direct-sun impact.

The meeting ended at 8:46 PM.

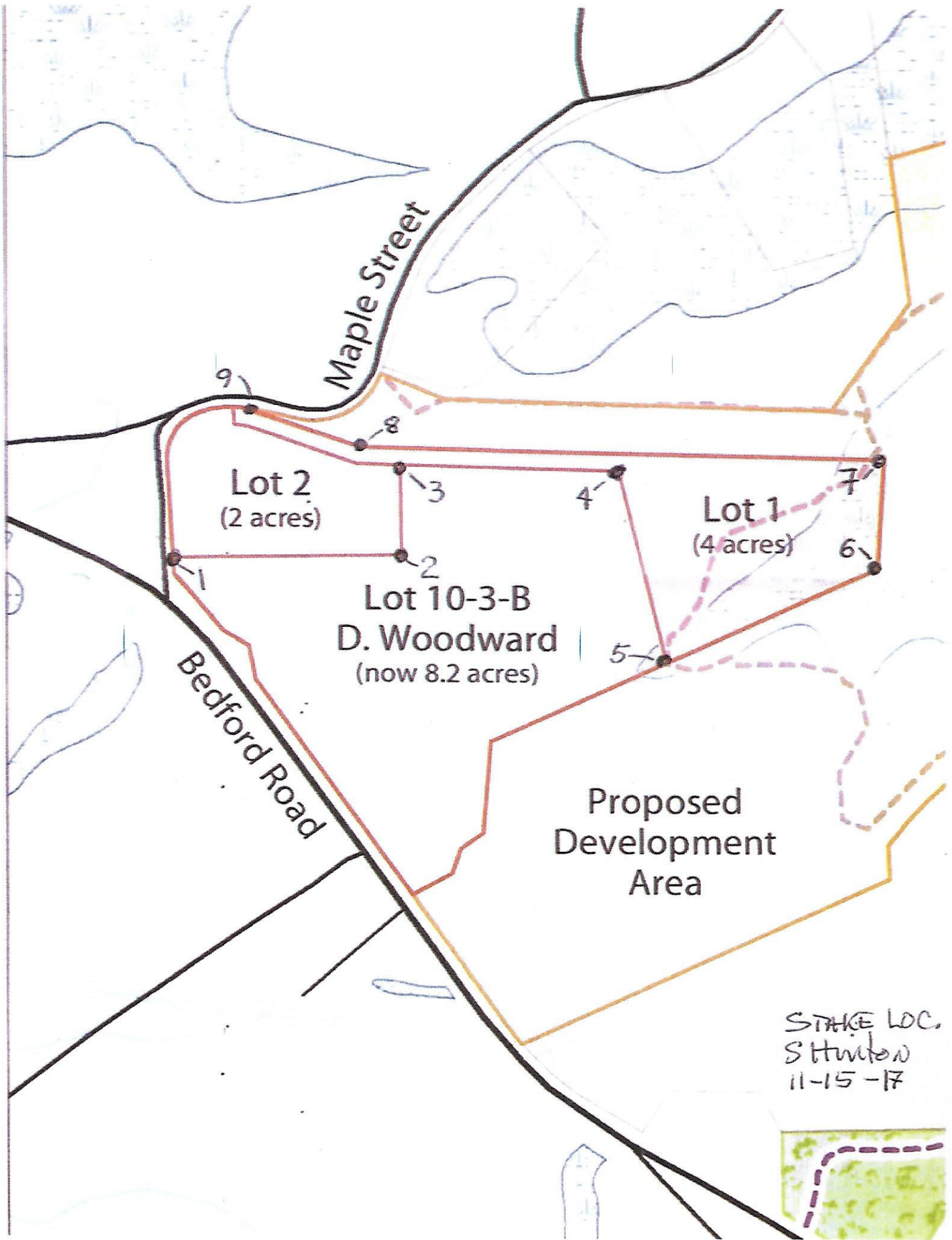
**Attachments:** Three maps showing the Woodward properties and related areas.

### **Next Meetings**

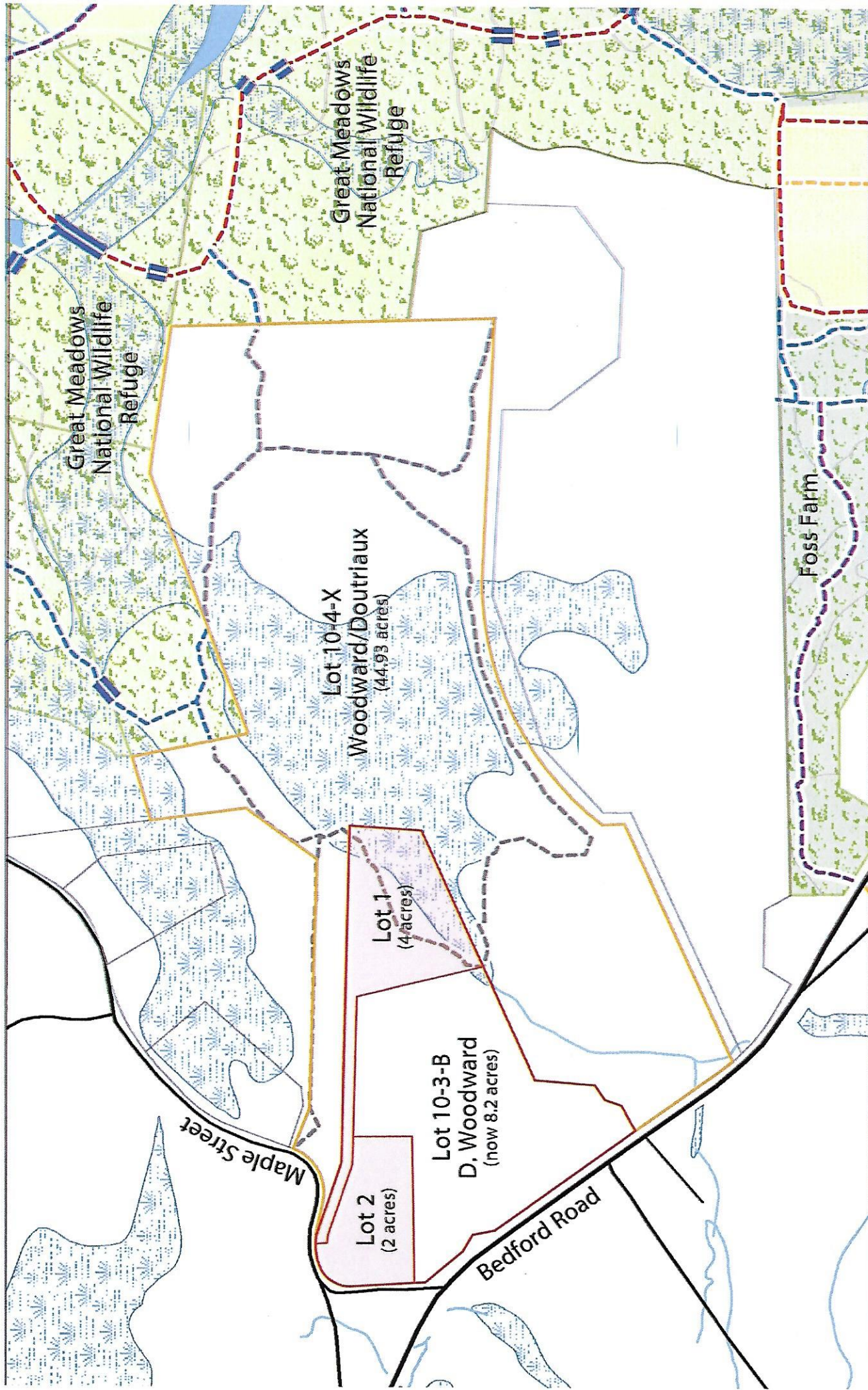
- May 14, 2019 @ 7 PM

Minutes approved on 5-14-19

Submitted by Warren Lyman



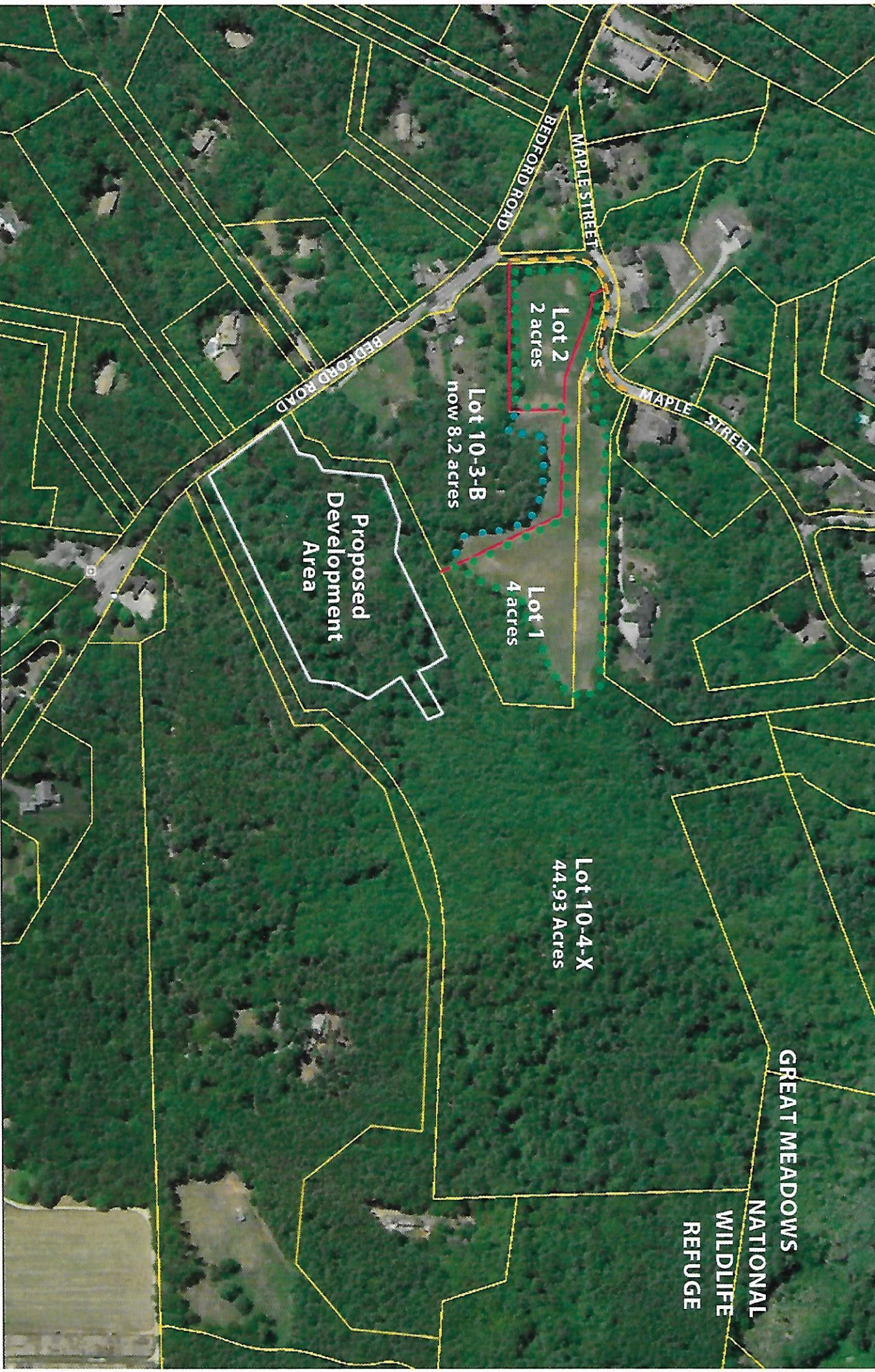




 Lots 1 & 2 Purchased by Town of Carlisle for Conservation (6 acres)

Map of portion of Carlisle west of intersection of Maple Street and Bedford Road showing original David Woodward Lot (Lot 10-3-B), 2 Right-of-First-Refusal lots (Lots 1 & 2) purchased by the Town of Carlisle, and surrounding Woodward/Douttriaux lot (Lot 10-4-X). Gray dotted lines are proposed additions to the extensive Trails system in Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, Foss Farm, and beyond.





Aerial View from Google Maps showing  
original David Woodward lot (Lot 10-3-B)  
2 Right of First Refusal Lots (Lots 1 & 2)  
& Proposed Development Area on  
Woodward Doutriaux parcel (Lot 10-4-X)

- Town Parcel lot lines
- Two Right-of-first refusal lots internal lot lines
- Area of open meadow to be protected
- Edge of field not protected
- Frontage along Maple Street to be cleared of trees/brush